



MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 1:00 P.M.

GAR ROOM–MIAMI COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MINUTES

The Miami County Solid Waste District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. in the GAR Room in the Miami County Courthouse, located at 25 North Broadway, Peru, Indiana.

Attending:

Board Members: Don Morris–Chairman–Town of Converse, Larry West–member–County Commissioner, Jerry Hamman–member–County Commissioner, Joshua Francis–member–County Commissioner, Tom Gustin–Member–Peru City Council, Shirley Mull–member–Miami County Council Representative.

Staff Attending: Samantha Ward–Executive Director, Carla Weaver–Assistant Director/Recording Secretary

Others: Pat Roberts–Legal Counsel, Bobbie Dausch–Contractor for the District, Mike Rorvik–Contractor for the District

Absent: Jim Walker–Mayor of Peru

Call to Order: Chairman Don Morris called the meeting to order at 1:06 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the January 21, 2014 Board of Directors meeting. *Mr. West motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried (6–0).*

Approval of Financial Report and Claims:

Ms. Ward noted that R & B Contractor did not get their claim to the office with the rest of the claims that were included on the financial report. Ms. Ward requested the accountant to write an additional check to be paid to R & B Contractor in the amount of \$2,055.50. The claims will have an additional \$2,055.50 added.

Mr. West motioned to approve the financial report and claims received by email; Mr. Francis seconded. Motion carried (6–0).

Director's Report

- Ms. Ward told the board that the bills were in the process of being printed. The overall process was going well at this point.

Old Business

- Ms. Ward asked Pat Roberts if he had reviewed the potential registration package for contractors to be listed to pick up various white goods. Mr. Roberts had not had a chance at this time. Ms. Ward suggested renewing R & B Contracting's contract for one additional month. Bobbie Dausch advised that Ron Dausch would be willing to take the additional month.

Mr. Gustin moved to extend R & B Contracting's white goods contract until April 30, 2014. Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

- Ms. Ward revisited the suggestion to change the billing resolution which would set a assessed dollar amount for determination of which properties are to be billed. If the value is above the dollar amount, the fee is to be paid. If the value is below the dollar amount, the property would not be charged, unless the property has a homestead credit on the property. Mr. Roberts stated that changes would need to be advertised, and a public meeting held.

Mr. Gustin moved to table the matter. Mr. West seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Gustin moved to have Ms. Ward and Mr. West travel to Wabash to observe how the Solid Waste billing is done there. Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

New Business

- Ms. Ward requested to change the office hours to 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The office often gets calls from people asking us to stay past 4 PM so they can get to the office safely. On casual observation, there appears to be less foot traffic between 8 and 8:30 than during the rest of the day.

Mrs. Mull motioned to change the current office hours to 8:30-4:30, Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried (6-1) with Mr. Hamman opposing the change.

Building Committee Report

- Ms. Ward asked if anyone had any questions on the business plan that was distributed to the board in January. No members had questions.
- The building committee toured 2 properties in January. The properties were the old Big R building on North Broadway and the Camper's Choice building on Lover's Lane. The committee felt that remodeling and repairs to the Big R

building would be excessive. The Camper's Choice building was thought to have too much land for the district's needs. Other board members thought the large hill could pose some problems for the public. Mrs. Mull stated that she thought one of the problems we have encountered was location of the potential building.

- There was concern about building codes and specs in regards to firewalls, safety codes, etc. The board thought we would need the help of an engineer to make sure all permits and processes were up to the state standards.
- A possible location was suggested on US 24 West near Lover's Lane.

Public Comment

- Kim Walden approached the board in regards to a past due bill that had a lawsuit filed for collections. She was disputing the court costs and attorney fees. She stated that she did not receive the original bill or the bill that reflected the late fee for the 2011 year. She stated she is willing to pay the original bill and the late fee. She felt it was unfair to be charged for the court costs and attorney fees.
- The board asked for clarification of the billing procedure. Ms. Ward stated that the original bill is sent out. After double checking the list of open invoices for correct addresses and errors, late bills are generated and sent out. Bills still unpaid are double checked again for correct address and errors. Those bills are then given to Roberts Law Firm for further collection.

Mrs. Mull motioned to allow Pat to dismiss court costs and attorney fees in compromise of the disputed issue between the parties. Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Next Board Meeting:

- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS– TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. GAR ROOM**

Adjournment: *Adjournment was unanimous.*

Carla Weaver, Recording Secretary

Don Morris, Board Chairman